Establishment of Military Academy at Barrackpore

1310. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from Government of West Bengal for establishment of a Military Academy at Barrackpore; and

(b) if so, Government 's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Government of West Bengal have identified and recommended Barrackpore for the establishment of a Military Academy.

(b) The proposal is at preliminary stage and suitable sites are being reconnoitered.

Shifting of Hyderabad and Secunderabad Cantonments

1311. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to shift Hyderabad and Secunderabad Cantonments to a far away place from the city with modern amenities as a lot of encroachment has already taken place;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have received the proposal of State Government to allot fresh land for the construction of new Cantonment Boards outside the city; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.